NEVADA COUNTY Wraparound Services Program (\$661,463 grant)

This program, which is anchored in the evidence-based Assertive Community Treatment model and incorporates elements of the approach found in many Wraparound programs, includes an in-depth mental health assessment of minors in the juvenile hall as well as offenders who are cited and released; development of an individualized in-custody treatment plan by a multi-disciplinary team; discharge planning; intensive community-based treatment provided by the same team; and a juvenile mental health court.

The clinical team of direct service providers includes a peer specialist, part-time psychiatrist, psychotherapist, part-time nurse, case manager, and substance abuse counselor. The multi-disciplinary treatment team also includes a probation officer who works with the youth while they are in custody and closely monitors/supervises them in the community and key members of the juvenile mental health court (e.g., public defender and district attorney). Whenever possible and appropriate, the team involves family members and significant support persons in the development of treatment goals and objectives.

In addition to psychiatric and mental health services (including medication management, substance abuse counseling/treatment, and individual, group and family therapy), participants receive rehabilitative and supportive services (e.g., assistance with daily living, education, transportation, emergency/temporary shelter, and respite care for families). Most of the services are provided in the participants' homes, schools and other community-based settings and, if the county is successful in integrating after-hours crisis services, the services will eventually be available on a 24/7 basis.

The county estimates that the treatment team will serve 36 youth during the course of the grant; the juvenile mental health court has a capacity of 20 minors.

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